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New program to help assault victims

Casey Curlin
Executive Editor

In the beginning, a mother who was being physically abused by her boyfriend could not see or accept the fact that her 4-year-old child was being molested by him.

Later, Social Services was able to help her realize the negativity of the situation, but with only a high school education and little work experience, she felt she could not support herself and her child without her boyfriend's income. She thought she was trapped.

This case stands out to Natalie Boyd, who along with others was eventually able to help the woman out of her situation.

Boyd, a social worker for 20 years, is now the coordinator of the Personal Safety Empowerment Program Project (PSEPP), a new program at UTM that aims to help women suffering from sexual and/or domestic assault to find safe solutions for their circumstances.

"We are the link to get them out to the necessary places that can help them in their time of crisis," Boyd said.

PSEPP, funded by a state grant, confidentially assists abuse victims by directing them to hospitals, counselors, safe houses or to police to report the crimes.

Boyd said the program has only been on campus since Oct. 1, but has big plans for the coming months.

"We are planning next semester to have our, I guess, 'opening program' to inform the students about our office and what we can provide for the students," Boyd said.

She added that all students are eligible to receive PSEPP's services, including those who live off campus, and she wants to get student volunteers to help with brochures, programs and getting word out in the community about the program.

Boyd said the program is also looking into bringing

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TUCK FACES 22 COUNTS;



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Staff Reports

Bruce Alexander Tuck, the man accused of being the so-called "big-bellied rapist," has been indicted by a Weakley County grand jury on charges stemming from crimes that occurred throughout the past summer.

The 35-year-old Tuck, of Gleason, Tenn., has been indicted on 22 separate charges, 11 of which are Class A felonies, including six counts of aggravated rape and five counts of aggravated kidnapping.

According to the Circuit Court of Weakley County, Tuck is also being indicted on numerous other charges,

including aggravated sexual battery and aggravated robbery.

A document released by the Weakley County Circuit Court shows that Tuck has been charged with crimes similar to the Raven Street attack that occurred in August, right before the beginning of the fall 2009 semester at UTM. These documents go into detail regarding other instances of aggravated rape that took place in Weakley County, as well as evidence that may link Tuck to these crimes, including stolen property of the victims.

Overall, the grand jury indictments include multiple counts of rape,

kidnapping, robbery, burglary, theft, vandalism and sexual battery.

Tuck will remain jailed pending arraignment Thursday, Nov. 5, in Weakley County Circuit Court on the charges listed in the indictments.

Prosecutors say Tuck is also a suspect in other rapes reported in the Shelby County area, although he has not been formally charged with those crimes.

In September, Tuck was arrested in Gleason as the primary suspect in a spree of masked burglaries and rapes occurring throughout West Tennessee last summer.

Student arrested in University Village

Charged with possession of guns, marijuana



Tai Dante Young

Charlie McIntosh
Managing/News Editor

A UTM student has been arrested after police found guns and 2 pounds of marijuana inside an apartment on campus.

Campus police and Martin police officers searched the University Village apartment of 19-year-old Tai Dante Young, a freshman Marketing and Economics major, at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29.

According to the UTM Department of Public Safety police report, authorities went to University Village Phase I after receiving a tip that a student might have illegal contraband, namely marijuana.

After detecting an odor

similar to that of marijuana coming from the student's room, police officers entered and asked the student if he knew why the police were there, to which he replied, "Yes."

The student then pointed out about 2 pounds of marijuana on his bed. Police asked for consent to search the room and the student allowed it.

Police officers then found plastic bags containing large amounts of marijuana, a loaded .22 caliber revolver and \$1,200 in cash in several bundles.

Further searches revealed an SKS semi-automatic rifle with 14 live rounds in a magazine located between the mattress and box springs.

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Physical activity classes cut

Randy Cavin
Asst. News Editor

The spring and summer early registration is fast approaching and if you are considering taking a particular physical activity class, it may not be offered because of budget cuts and loss of qualified instructors.

The Department of Health and Human Performance chair, Dr. Karen Greenockle, said the department has reduced the number of martial arts classes, some rhythmic aerobics classes and walk/jog classes because these were multi-sectional classes and the department wanted to maintain a variety of traditional and non-traditional activities.

"For example, the number of rhythmic aerobics and walk/jog classes were reduced to retain classes such as Pilates, yoga, and various sport skills classes. Martial arts was taught during the day and the evening. The decision was made to keep the evening class to service students needing classes during this time of day while the Judo class was maintained during regular hours," Greenockle said. "I also considered the instructors attempting

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Editorial: Why don't we have greek grades?

We've been asked why we haven't published the cumulative greek grades yet.

And the answer is (appropriate drum roll here): The person in charge of giving them to us hasn't done so yet.

Why? We don't know. We have called, we have e-mailed, we have tried every tack we know to get the Office of Greek Life to give us information, not only on the greek grades, but on other issues as well.

Cooperation lately between that office and Student Publications hasn't only been difficult; it has been non-existent, and that is not acceptable.

The Pacer isn't the only publication to suffer from the lack of cooperation. *The Spirit* yearbook, already behind on part of its production schedule, has been completely unable to get photos from Greek Life, or even to get a list of the advisers for all the greek organizations on campus.

The Spirit is not trying to create more work for Greek Life. Its staff has said it would be happy to track down organizations individually to get photos and information; it simply needs contacts first.

The Pacer has published greek grades for years, along with cumulative athletic team grades. This is not a controversial issue, but a standard practice for this newspaper. Plus, we are getting numerous complaints and questions from students as to why those grades have not yet been published.

Bottom line: We will go as far as we have to go (legally, of course) to get those grades, and we will publish them this semester.

Wal-Mart not as good for economy as it seems



Justin Hunt
Viewpoints Editor

Finding part-time or even full-time jobs in a small town like Martin, Tennessee can be quite difficult. A few years ago, Wal-Mart opened one of its supercenters here in Martin, and suddenly many college students found a place of employment. Many would say that's a good thing. Or is it? Few take the time to examine the effects of a store like Wal-Mart coming into their community.

In his autobiography Sam Walton wrote, "Wal-Mart will not put a store in a community where it is not wanted." Is this still Wal-Mart's policy? The entire world faces this giant superstore. In fact, Wal-Mart is almost impossible to escape. So is Wal-Mart bad? Is it good? Is it neither? Could Wal-Mart,

despite some theories, actually boost local economies and, overall, be beneficial to smaller communities?

Obviously, Wal-Mart has not always been the market-dominating superstore it is today. But since Wal-Mart's humble beginnings, its growth rate has revealed quite fascinating figures. In the U.S. there are over 3,440 Wal-Mart stores, and scattered throughout the rest of the world, Wal-Mart has opened over 2,750 stores. As you might imagine, Wal-Mart is the largest retailer in the United States with over \$285.2 billion in annual sales, and it is the largest private employer with over 1.2 million workers.

Organized opponents of Wal-Mart suggest that Wal-Mart destroys local economies, abuses it workers with low wages and paltry benefits and Wal-Mart stores drive up urban sprawl.

An article entitled "Why Wal-Mart is Good," published in a July 2005

issue of Maclean's Magazine, revealed a survey conducted at Ryerson University with results that indicated a Wal-Mart store does, in fact, boost local economies. The Ryerson University survey sampled over 2,000 communities with results that showed a Wal-Mart in rural areas had an average commercial boost of \$74.1 million, and an average of 16 new stores sprouted in the community once the Wal-Mart opened. In fact, the study showed that before a customer even begins shopping at a new Wal-Mart, the store has already put as much as \$20 million into the local economy.

Another attack on Wal-Mart is the company's poor worker's wage and benefits. Steve Maich, author of "Why Wal-Mart is Good," refuted this criticism showing that (in 2005) the average Wal-Mart employee wage was \$9.64 per hour and 86% of its workers had health insurance.

Another criticism hurled at the big box store is the idea that Wal-Mart's facilities are

environmentally unaware, or not necessarily "eco-friendly." In his article Maich explained how Wal-Mart responded to this criticism by constructing the most environmentally progressive building ever: stores are lit in daytime with skylights and are cooled with shade trees, the toilets use running rainwater, and the stores use a geothermal heating system run by wind-turbine power.

A Frontline documentary produced in 2001, *Store Wars: When Wal-Mart Comes to Town*, focused on some specific effects of Wal-Mart's influence in smaller communities. Arguments that opposed Wal-Mart building a store in their community included: 1) a likelihood of sprawl or traffic, 2) the company's tendencies to destroy downtowns by shuttering local mom-and-pop stores, 3) an increase in poverty rates, 4) there are other Wal-Marts nearby, 5) keeping the character of the town, 6) jobs are lost, 7) money is not

being circulated through the community, but rather going into Wal-Mart's pockets, and 8) low wages wouldn't help.

Wal-Mart responded to objections by presenting these ideas: 1) lower prices for shopping help families with extremely tight budgets, 2) around 350 new job opportunities, 70% of which are full time with good benefits, 3) convenience, 4) with a Wal-Mart, new franchise stores are brought in, such as Starbucks and Home Depot, 5) it brings new life to a town's commercial district, and 6) it attracts new customers to the community and keeps local customers local.

Obviously, the relationship between a community and any big-box store will vary in each case. But, I encourage you, if you care about your local economy, to get involved in your home community when a large corporation wants to open a store whether you are for it or against it. Research. Protest. Support. Take on responsibility.

Student offers opinion on Patriot Act, who is to blame

Sean Boers
Guest Columnist

I read the two recent articles on Alberto Gonzalez's visit. I am quoted/referenced in both of them. So, a few points:

Firstly, when I stood up and asked Mr. Gonzalez my long-winded question, one of the things he responded with was this: "President Wilson and Roosevelt engaged in massive collections of electronic communications during the first and second world war. The collection performed by President Bush was much more narrow."

He is very correct, girls and boys. If the USA Patriot Act has the kid that stood outside the Elam Center in his Magic: The Gathering outfit so

outraged, the extent of J. Edgar Hoover's wiretaps would probably lead him to dress up as Lord Voldemort over on North Humphreys Boulevard (the FBI's Memphis Field Office, which is the closest one that I know of).

The director placed wiretaps on everybody from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to John Dillinger during his 40 years with the FBI, and spied on the occasional communist or skinhead for good measure. FDR threw Japanese-Americans (as well as Italian and German-Americans) into camps.

Under Wilson, it was considered seditious speech to criticize the war effort. Lincoln suspended Habeas Corpus to detain Southern sympathizers.

Under Adams, there was something called the Alien and Sedition Acts, which allowed for deportations based upon mere opinion alone. And yet you kids are up in arms because you can't buy ammonium nitrate without the FBI, ATF, DEA and a few other choice organizations knowing about it? Keep in mind that I'm not arguing for the USA Patriot Act per se (I happen to see it as a huge and unnecessary overreaching of federal authority), but rather pointing out a little food for thought.

Secondly, one thing that struck me as odd is that the Bush administration took all of the blame at the protest. I wonder how many of you stopped to think that, before

Bush and friends took a single step, Congress voted to authorize it.

That's right, YOUR elected representatives voted the USA Patriot Act into law (and to renew it). YOUR elected representatives authorized President Bush to use force in Iraq. YOUR elected representatives gave Dubya permission to use "any necessary force" to fight terrorism.

So you tell me: why are the majority of them still in office? Is Bush and all that's associated with him a more convenient target than your own personal responsibility as voters? Is it because of Bush's party membership (remember: our current administration and Congress have yet to get rid

of the act)? Is drinking Pinot Noir and wearing antiwar buttons just trendy these days? – I'm not defending the Patriot Act.

I do think that waterboarding and the humiliations at Abu Ghraib count as torture. Invading Iraq was unnecessary, not to mention wrong. Bush was not my favorite president. I don't watch FOX News. I'm just the one to put blame where blame is due, and what seems to be the case is that Congress shares quite a bit of the blame for what you guys were protesting that night.

But hey, why go against convention when we can continue with the status quo of blaming Bush for all our sins? Lies are simple. Simple is bliss.

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News

Knoxville mayor shares governor aspirations at UTM



Bill Haslam, Knoxville mayor (Stock Photo)

Marquita Douglas
Editorial Assistant

Knoxville's mayor, Bill Haslam, paid UTM a visit to discuss his intent to run for governor of Tennessee in 2010.

While Haslam talked to many concerned voters in Watkins auditorium this week, he touched on how he has been involved in business and politics for quite some time now. Announcing his bid for governor at the beginning of the year, Haslam told the crowd that UTM was one of his many stops while touring college campuses and auditoriums throughout Tennessee.

"Running for a position in politics is not easy at all. It is very important that you have voters' participation. Help is always needed to be successful in politics," said Haslam.

Haslam, who successfully ran for reelection in 2007, has been mayor of Knoxville since 2003.

Haslam touched on his main reasons for wanting to pursue the position of Tennessee's governor, saying that there are a few matters that are very important to him that he would like to see addressed. Haslam told the crowd his main three concerns, and what changes he would like to see dealt with by him or the next elected governor of Tennessee. The main issues that Haslam said must be addressed are jobs and

unemployment in Tennessee, education, Tennessee's budget situation and healthcare.

Haslam said, if elected, his biggest and first main focus would be unemployment and jobs in Tennessee.

"Our next governor needs to be good at understanding how jobs are created. Over the past year, a hundred thousand Tennesseans have lost their jobs. I will work tirelessly to help put jobs back in this state," said Haslam.

Haslam said he has plenty of experience needed to help create jobs for Tennessee, and reminded his audience how he helped to create many jobs in Knoxville while serving as the city's mayor.

"It helps to have a governor who has helped create jobs before," said Haslam.

Haslam then touched on his next main issue which is education in Tennessee. Haslam has been committed to education reform and helped found Project GRAD, an effort to ensure at-risk children in Knoxville to graduate high school and be prepared to enter and be successful in college.

"Education is an issue that is very important to me. About 28,000 children will drop out of high school this year. Tennessee students' ranked number 42 out of the 50 states in national test scores," said Haslam.

Haslam also touched on the

budget situation in Tennessee, telling his audience that Tennessee was \$1.3 billion short last year to balance out the state's budget.

"We used rainy day funds to balance out the budgets and some federal stimulus plan money. Those are one time funds. You don't have to be an economic major to see that just will not work, the next governor must be prepared to deal with the state's budget," said Haslam.

Haslam brought his discussion to a close by touching on the issues with healthcare in Tennessee. He reminded his audience how healthcare will not be an easy situation to tackle, but something must be done to make healthcare better. If elected governor, Haslam said he will try to improve healthcare and reduce healthcare cost while still continuing to improve TennCare.

After taking some questions from and interacting with the audience, Haslam told them to remember how their help was needed in order for his campaign to be successful. He also suggested to the audience how he was the candidate needed in order to help improve current situations in Tennessee.

"We need a governor who has been in a leadership role before, and who is ready to take a leadership role," said Haslam.

Non-Traditional Student Association growing on campus, building network for older peers

Stephanie Moody
Pacer Writer

For those of you who feel like you don't "fit in" with the traditional college crowd, UTM has a new organization that might just fit your needs.

The Non-Traditional Student Association (NTSA), one of a number of new organizations at the university, was established on campus this fall. It serves students who are older and can relate to those who did not attend college traditionally. Non-traditional students are those age 23 or older, though NTSA is open to all students.

The NTSA began with five

students who began discussing the idea this past February and made a decision to become active. The founders are Scott Ellegood, Greg Frye, Erika Klutts, Monica Melton and Derrick Rachels. NTSA officers are Scott Ellegood as chairman/president, Brandy Hutchens as vice president, Greg Frye as vice president for membership, Christine Craftchick as IT officer and Erika Klutts as treasurer. Stephanie Mueller, the non-traditional student adviser at the Student Success Center, serves as the organization's adviser.

"I think it is a wonderful idea and I am thrilled with the

students involved in NTSA," Mueller said.

NTSA actually is a restructured version of the Older Students Association, which has been active on

already has its constitution in place and boasts more than 30 members.

Ellegood went on to say that because they are older, non-traditional students tend

"Non-traditional students bring sanity to classes and professors can relate to that."

and off campus since 1987. The revamped organization became official in October and made its first public appearance at Quad City during homecoming. NTSA

to have more responsibilities compared to traditional students, so returning to school as a non-traditional student can be quite an adjustment for older people.

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Contract closed for campus post office

Ashley Tyndall
Pacer Writer

The U.S. Postal Service reported earlier in the year that it would be closing more than 500 contracted post offices around the nation because of billions of dollars lost.

The UTM campus post office was notified six weeks ago that it would lose its Contracted Postal Unit (CPU).

On Friday, Oct. 16, the CPU was closed and now the campus post office can no longer sell U.S. postal money orders or stamps. The office was chosen to lose its paid contract with the U.S. Postal Service to save money. T

The post office will continue to stay open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Students and faculty can still carry personal mail that is already stamped to the UC office and that mail will be taken to the Martin Post Office.

Jeff Ziegler, the campus

post office supervisor, said that mostly the faculty and students will be affected.

Jordan Easterwood, a student who used the post office regularly to buy stamps and send mail, said, “I’m mad about it; what’s the point of having a post office if you can’t buy stamps? You might as well turn the post office into something useful, like a 24-hour computer lab because the library is always packed.”

Easterwood also suggested that mailboxes be downsized because a lot of them do not get used. When he was a freshman, he had to pay post office fees for a mailbox he didn’t know he had until late in the semester.

Melessia Whitaker, a senior, said, “It will be a inconvenience to have to go downtown every time I need to purchase a stamp to mail off one letter.”

Steve Vantrease, director of the UC, said that other sources have surfaced, such as UPS, but

the university is not interested in pursuing another limited contract.

UT Knoxville uses Federal Express as their mailing source but Belmont uses UPS.

“It’s a big inconvenience but we want to be careful with the next chosen contract,” Vantrease said.

He also mentioned that UTM is trying to get a sample copy of Belmont’s contract with UPS and if it will allow use of Federal Express. UTM does not want to be limited to using just one provider.

A part-time position was open in the UTM post office, but now the position will not be able to be filled until a new contract with a different provider is established; UTM may even expand positions when that happens.

For more information, contact: Jeff Ziegler, CPS, Mail Center Supervisor, UTM, Martin, TN, 38238, phone 731-881-7790.

UTM Freethinkers continue to grow

Michael Irvin
Pacer Writer

Dr. Lionel Crews is an assistant professor of physics who, when he is not teaching, is also the faculty adviser of the Free Thinkers Society.

A rather new student organization, the mission of this organization is “To educate, organize and promote the ideals of rationality, science and secularism.”

These Freethinkers are people who base their beliefs on evidence and critical thinking. They choose to uphold the principles of the scientific method and are unaffected by logical fallacies such as claims to authority. Instead, they search for objective data. This means that freethinkers form opinions on the basis of reason independent of authority or tradition, and they strive to

build their opinions on the basis of fact.

Freethinkers place a great value on freedom of speech and the separation of church and state.

The Free Thinkers Society has five main goals here at UT Martin; to create a visible campus community of secular or nonreligious students, to enrich and empower our membership through education and activism, to educate the public about non-theists and church/state separation, to provide a social and intellectual community for freethinkers and to provide a venue for events of interest to secular or nonreligious students at UTM and to the secular and nonreligious community at large.

The Free Thinkers Society is always welcoming new members. If this student

organization fits your beliefs, and you are interested in joining this student organization, contact Dr. Lionel Crews at lcrews@ut.utm.edu or 881-7440.

There have been a lot of new organizations popping up at the UTM. The organizations found on campus include student, academic, governing, honorary, professional, religious, service and special interest organizations. These new organizations will bring more diversity and special interests to our school.

The organizations hope to bring upcoming events and activities in which students can participate. Student organizations are a very important part of campus life, and they create many opportunities for students to get involved on campus as well as in the community.

PSEPP

From Cover

in renowned speaker and domestic violence advocate, Mildred Muhammed, the ex-wife of the “Beltway Sniper.”

Another plan for the spring semester is a forum for victims to share their experiences

“We feel like if we had a forum and that forum consisted of individuals who had been assaulted, been raped, been attacked, been stalked, then students would tend to realize that it is real,” Boyd said.

Boyd said she believes assault in the area is more common than it appears because of the fact that knowledge of resources for victims is limited,

and often victims are more fearful to come forward in small towns because of the familiarity of residents.

Boyd said friends and family may come to PSEPP if they believe someone they know is being assaulted and PSEPP can inform campus security and request that the information be checked.

Boyd said the isolation of a spouse can be an early sign of abuse.

“That first sign of wanting to isolate you from family and friends, that’s a warning signal. That’s not a sign of ‘I love you and I just want it to be you and I.’ It’s a warning, it’s a red

light,” Boyd said.

She also stressed that it is OK for women to ask others about a person that they are becoming involved with to get an idea of who they might be.

“We have to realize, too, that it is also females who can do the same thing,” Boyd said, adding that she believes it would be much harder to get males to come forward about abuse.

PSEPP is open for students from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 236 UC.

“They may come in that door feeling incomplete, but when they leave we want them to feel whole,” Boyd said.

CLASSES

From Cover

to give everyone at least one class. Teaching more than one was the result of balancing qualifications, variety, and time of day.”

Greenockle said the loss of a qualified instructor before this semester started resulted in the canceling of the evening classes of Tai Chi and martial arts. Greenockle said budget cuts and the loss of qualified instructors cannot be controlled.

“The goal of the department continues to be the expansion of the PACT offerings, particularly those of a more contemporary nature. I anticipate the reduction of classes to be temporary and have begun cycling in classes to maintain a variety each

semester,” Greenockle said.

The department has decided to add a martial arts class to the day schedule along with Judo because of the interest in self-defense classes from women, especially given the sexual assaults that occurred this summer.

“The spring 2010 semester will show a slightly different selection of classes. Martial arts will be back ... along with Judo. The department is well aware of the need for ‘self-defense’ classes, given recent attacks on campus and in the vicinity. Hence, we are working to retain the Women’s Self-Defense class for next semester,” Greenockle said.

She added these were tough choices to make, but

they had to be made and the department’s goal is to offer a balanced schedule. The Martial Arts classes are popular with students and they fill up quickly. She also said that, considering the students’ conversations, there is a greater interest in these classes.

“The intent was to keep a balanced and equitable schedule of PACT classes. These classes always fill to capacity; however, I suspect there was additional interest given the crimes committed in August. Random student conversations and comments made in other classes and in the hallways indicated greater interest in self-defense classes, particularly by female students,” Greenockle said.

ARREST

From Cover

According to the report, police also found electronic scales and a spiral tablet with writing that indicated an apparent ledger of purchases and sales.

Authorities also confiscated the student’s cellular phone

because of a name listed in the ledger repeatedly showing up on the cellular phone’s screen.

Young was arraigned in Weakley County General Sessions Court on Monday, Nov. 2, on charges of drug possession with intent to

sell, two counts of unlawful weapons possession on school property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Young is out on bond and is scheduled to appear again in General Sessions Court on Dec. 16.



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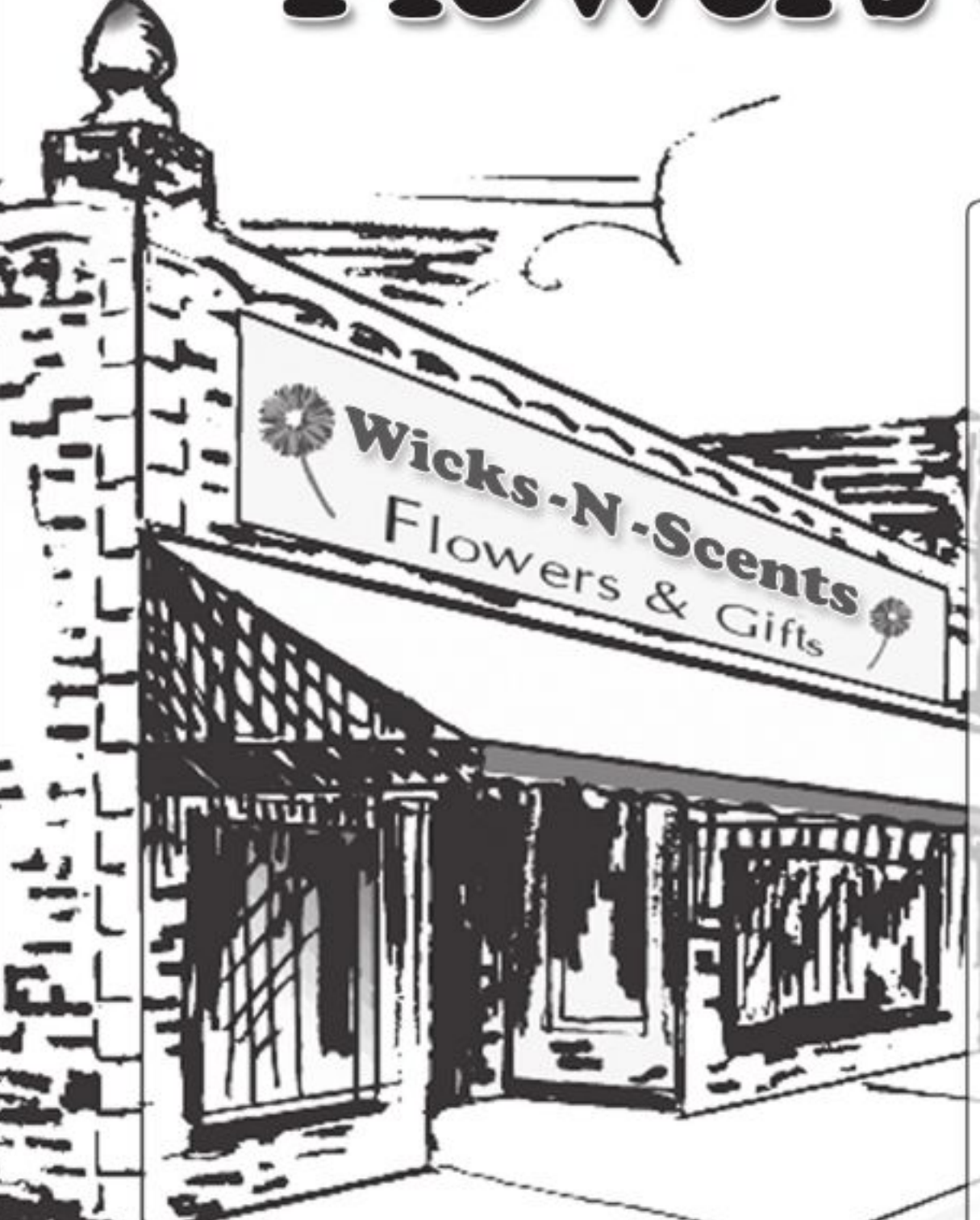
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Campus Bulletin Board

Times Talk

Times Talk will be held at noon Wednesday in the Holland McCombs Center. This week's topic is "The Status of Health Care Reform." Mike McCullough, director of the Institute for Civic Engagement, will be moderating.

Open SGA Senate Seats

The SGA has seven open senate seats. One in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, two in the College of Business and Public Affairs and four in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Apply at the SGA Office.

Senior Art Exhibitions

Dade Roberts, Jennifer Fergie and Brittany Branum senior art exhibitions, sponsored by the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts, will be held through Nov. 13 at the Paul Meek Library.

Write for *The Pacer*

Any students interested in writing stories for *The Pacer* are encouraged to attend *Pacer* meetings, every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. *The Pacer* welcomes students from all majors and any story ideas or suggestions, including feature stories, letters to the editor and editorials. Stories and story ideas can be submitted to thepacer@ut.utm.edu.

Campus Bulletin Board submissions may be e-mailed to pacer_news@ut.utm.edu.

Artistic trio opens exhibit to large public turnout

Art showcased in Paul Meek Library, runs through Nov. 13

Regina Emery
Asst. Life Editor

One of UTM's most popular art exhibitions to date opened in the Paul Meek Library on Monday, November 2. The show titled "Two Girls and a Guy" features the works of seniors Jennifer Fergie, Dade Roberts, and Brittany Branum and boasted an audience of over a hundred students, faculty and family during its opening.

While each of the artists has their own recognizable sense of style, they each still draw upon the same inspiration: family.

"My father has always been a great influence in my life. We both share a great passion for art and it is because of him that I have such a great appreciation for art today. My friends, music, and the situations of everyday life is where I strive to get my inspiration from," says Fergie, a Graphic Design major from Brownsville, Tenn.

Patrick "Dade" Roberts adds on, citing his influences:

"My mother and other family members... It's very much a family tradition. Many members of my family paint as hobbies. My great-grandfather was a painter of airplanes in World War 2 for Great Britain." Roberts, who designed his own wedding programs, also speaks of his wife's influence on his art.

"She inspires me to be the best artist I can be. If I'm going to do what I love she wants me to do it full throttle," he adds. Roberts is also a Graphic Design and studio art major from Brownsville, Tenn., and has known Fergie for most of his life.

Finishing up the trio is Branum, an Art Education major from Humboldt, Tenn.

"A sincere passion for family and childhood memories remains the focus of several pieces presented," writes Branum in her artist's statement. "From transferred

prints to acrylic contemporary paintings to a collection of photographic prints, memories are preserved and feelings are transpired upon canvas and papers," she adds.

Branum showcases not only a passion for nature, but also a flair for fashion and sisterhood. A four-year member of Chi-Omega, Branum even utilizes the Owl, a symbol of "wisdom and mystery," in several of her pieces. Fused-glass jewelry, textiles and a crafted owl lamp add even more diversity to her portfolio.

For Fergie, who after graduation plans on attending graduate school and pursuing a career in advertising, a portfolio is crucial for impressing potential employers. She has already produced several ads and bulletins that demonstrate her capabilities using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. As Fergie puts it, the creative process is like working a puzzle: once the pieces fall into place, only then can the work come together as one cohesive whole.

"Art has always been a big part of my life. Ever since the first day my parents put a pencil in my hand I have been creating and drawing. I always knew that art was what I was meant to do. God gave me a great gift and talent, so why not use it to touch other people's lives?" says Fergie.

Again, Fergie and Roberts are Graphic design majors, but neither restrict themselves to certain a certain medium. Fergie also contributes to the show several nature photographs, paintings and drawings. Roberts meanwhile showcases several larger-than-life paintings. Most notable are his vibrant painting of General George Marshall, a massive work entitled "Evening Comfort," and his lively interpretation of "Joe Dimaggio at Bat".

"My art will take any form



Top: (Left to Right): Dade Roberts, Brittany Branum, and Jennifer Fergie pose during the premiere of the exhibition. A piece from each of their exhibits is displayed below from left to right (respective from the above photo).

Pacer Photos/ Rex Stoker

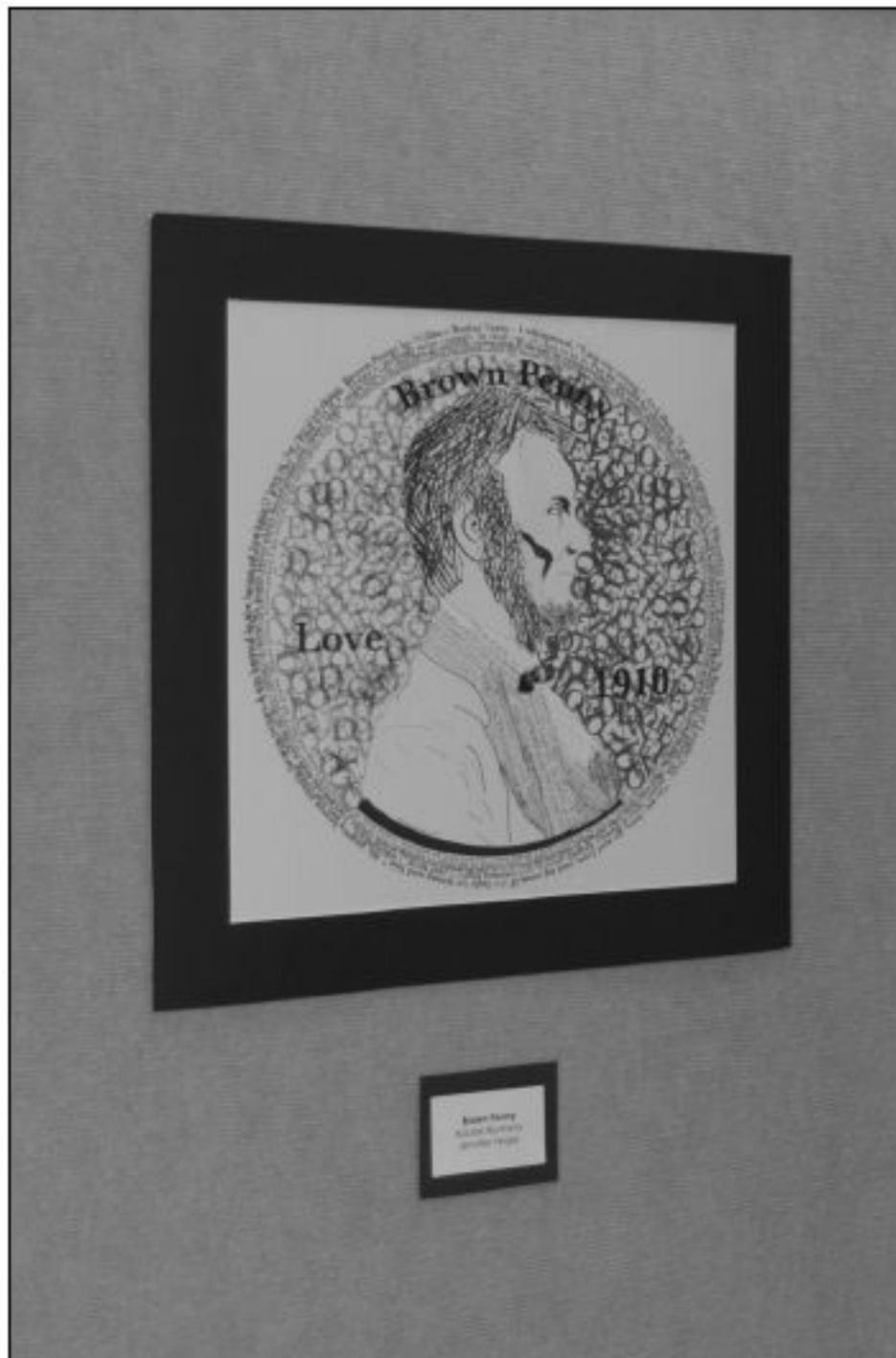


that helps me express the truth in life," writes Roberts. "It can take 3-D and 2-D forms. Sometimes moving a 2-D painting into a 3-D world can shock the viewer and draw them in to see more of the piece."

With so many different



works to their names, how do they pick a personal favorite? According to Roberts, it's usually whichever was the last completed. "Every piece is a progression," he says. Branum on the other hand can usually narrow it down to one in particular—her printmaking



piece entitled "Small Town Southern Man", which was difficult to create in both technique and considering the memories around which the piece is based.

"I was very impressed with the type of talent that was on display. Each had their own

unique style and presented it very well," said UTM junior Anthony Bosse.

Consistent with Fergie's "puzzle", all of their art, different and similar as it is, converges into one worthwhile exhibition that runs until Nov. 13.

Soundtrack to the falling leaves, auburn skies
The best albums for autumn-time listening

Charlie McIntosh
Managing/News Editor

The autumn season has arrived; the birds have ceased their song, the leaves have changed their hue and the rain is making its presence clear.

The fall harvest is often the most celebratory time of year despite the looming threat of winter. While the youngsters feast on chocolate and the elders become entranced by football, the energy that comes with the festival season is felt nation-wide.

Considering the festive nature of the autumn months, it's no surprise that many of the greatest musical offerings have been presented during these months. There is no season with a more entrancing atmosphere, so it makes sense

that music often accompanies the autumn ambience with great ease.

Allow me to present you with some of the best fall albums; perhaps spooky and festive like October or maybe dreary like November, these are some great albums that accompany the autumn season perfectly.

While Bob Dylan's folk classic *The Times They Are A Changin'* came out in January of 1964, it accompanies the dying season to perfection. The songs on this record are timeless, atmospheric, insightful and political.

Each song tells a different story, such as in "The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll" which tells the story of a servant woman who was murdered. The chiming acoustic guitar and rambling vocal melody call

the listener to attention; Dylan begs his audience to consider a tale of injustice. Quiet in its presentation but quite loud in content, this album is a must for anyone who is politically or academically minded.

Another great album is Badly Drawn Boy's *Hour of the Bewilderbeast*, which came out in 2000. An eclectic mixture of alternative, soul and folk truly is a great accompanying record for any Sunday drive. Perhaps a bit on the romantic side of the spectrum, songs like "Once Around the Block" and "Cause a Rockslide" are great for a lackadaisical afternoon drive.

Softer numbers like "The Shining" and "Pissing in the Wind" are contemplative and relaxing; many of the songs on this record are likely to have

a positive support for your studying or night-time reading habits.

If you're feeling more melancholy or somber, or just need some spooky music to listen to while drinking a cup of coffee, then Alice in Chains' *Jar of Flies* is a strong purchase. The opening number "Rotten Apple" features a rippling bassline, accompanied by cutting yet melodic guitars and chanting, soothing vocals. The calming effect this album has is well-documented; it's not actually an album but an EP, and a masterful one at that. *Jar of Flies* is one of the highest selling EPs of all-time and the first to ever debut at number 1 in the Billboards.

Indeed, numbers such as "I Stay Away" and "No Excuses" make for outstanding cruising

songs in the seasonal context. The falling golden leaves make for a unique impression that's likely to grant the album staying power for the listener.

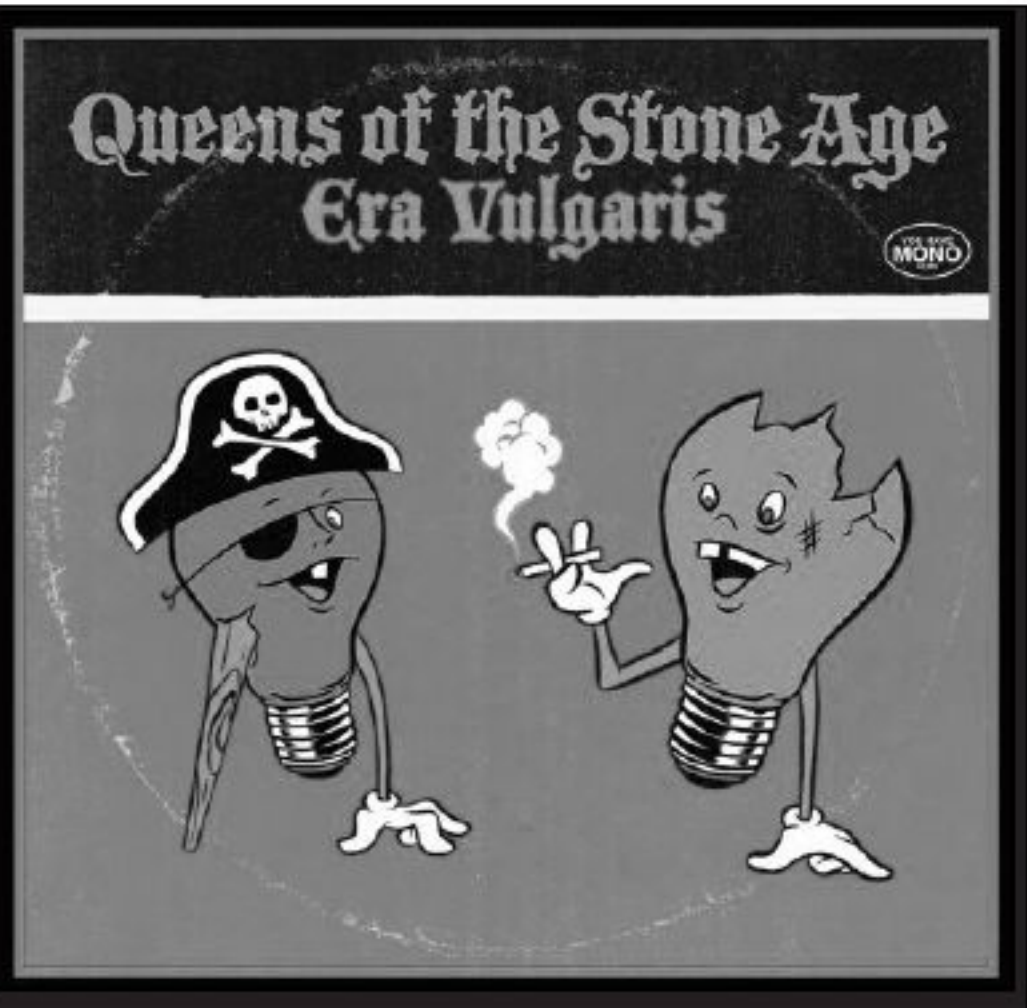
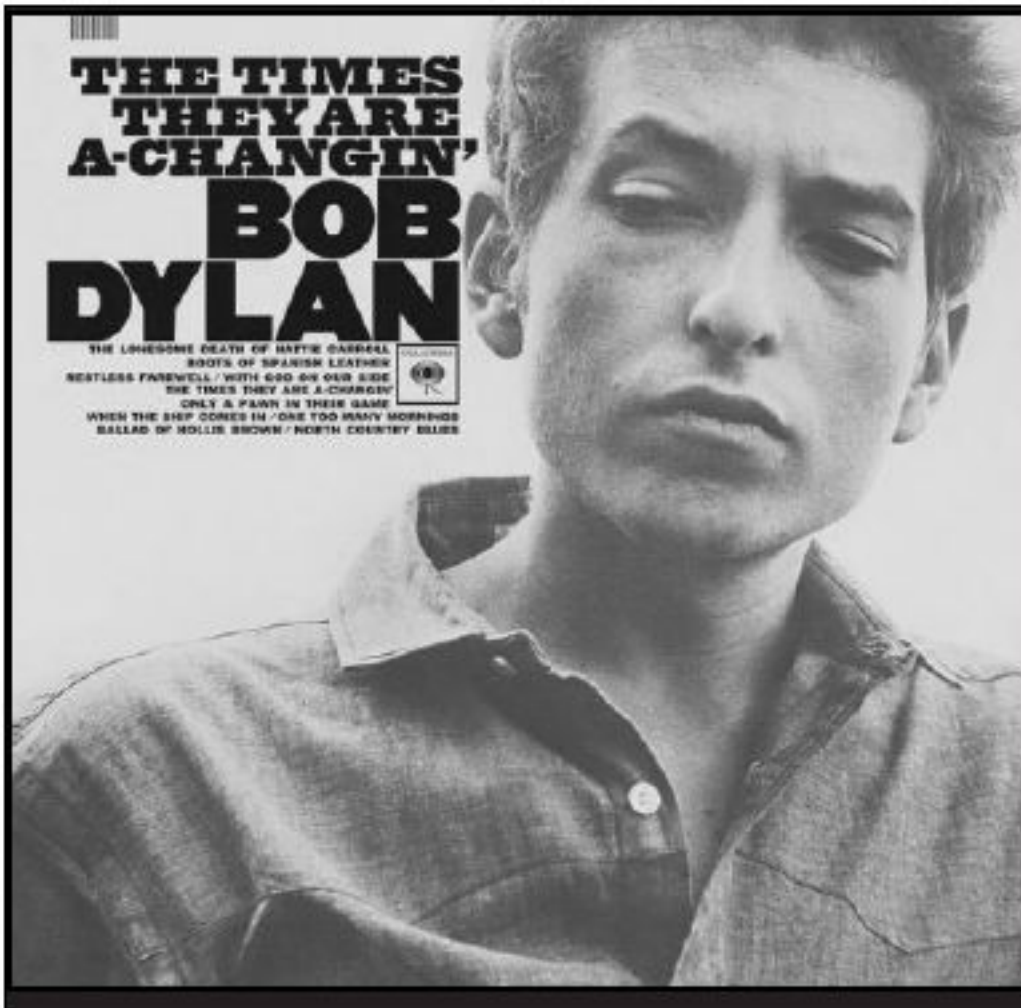
Lastly, I'd like to point out another great record for the season: Queens of the Stone Age *Era Vulgaris*. Texturally, sonically and lyrically this album positively screams Halloween mischief. Tracks such as "Misfit Love" and "Battery Acid" would make ideal background music for vandalizing (which the Pacer does not endorse, by the way). The album also has a raucous, intense attitude that really fits wonderfully with any Halloween party setting. Many of the songs sound like Michael Jackson's *Thriller* mixed with a garage rock sensibility.

Also, the song "Sick, Sick,

Sick" fits this autumn's current theme of "swine flu pandaemonium" quite well. All in all *Era Vulgaris* is a great rock record.

Truth be told, there isn't enough space on this broadsheet page to list all of the best albums for the harvest season. I know there are some that I've missed by a longshot, so I encourage readers of this article to come onto the Pacer comment section and suggest your own favorite albums for the late September thru early December period.

If you disagree with any of these choices, you should most certainly send a letter to the editor via e-mail. Send your complaints, suggestions or favorite Fall records to: pacer_opinions@ut.utm.edu.



10 jobs you won't be seeing at the career fair today

BY SPENCER TAYLOR

1 diener

In a career as a Diener, you can expect to prep and wash the dead bodies in a morgue. In some cases, they will also perform an autopsy.

Either way, it's a rough job, but somebody has got to do it.

2 braille translator

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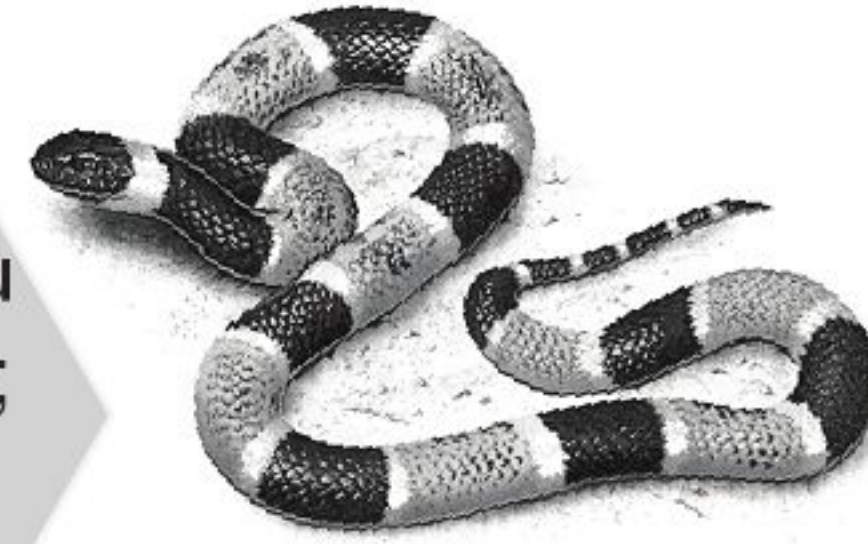
3 IMAX screen cleaner

Ever seen an IMAX movie? The screen is big. Actually it's really *damn* big.

Chances are, these guys use tools a little more advanced than just a broom, a bottle of Windex, and some paper towels.

4 snake milker

The commercials have confirmed you can milk a hamster; pursue a career in snake milking and wow your friends.



5 gum buster

We've all sat, walked in, and/or touched a huge wad of gum in a public place. It's up to these guys to take care of the mess.

6 crack filler

You won't follow plumbers or drug addicts around, but you will find yourself filling in cracks on monuments to extend their longevity.

7 wrinkle chaser

Somebody has to make sure that your pair of shoes gets to you in pristine condition.

These "chasers" review the final product for any shortcomings, lest your fifty-dollar pair of Chucks ship with say, hypodermic needles stuck in them.

8 chicken sexer

Perverts need not apply. All you do is simply separate males from the females, and then punch that time clock.

9 ocularist

Just like the guy from Blade Runner, you'll spend your days making artificial eyes.

The American Society of Ocularists makes efforts to "improve and promote research in the development of ophthalmic prosthetics"



10 fortune cookie writer

Time to finally put that Philosophy major to work!



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Skyhawk Tennis raises money for Ronald McDonald House

Joshua Lemons
Sports Features Editor

The Skyhawk tennis team are holding a pledge drive this semester, with the proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, and they need your help.

"Several times in years past we have been down to the Target House and when we go down we'd see the kids but this year we wanted to do a little bit more," said Head Coach Dennis Taylor.

Coach Taylor attempted to contact the Target House but was unable to connect with the right people within their organization about starting a fundraiser. That's when he decided to focus his efforts on the Ronald McDonald House.

"I did get in touch with a guy at the Ronald McDonald House, in fact he went to school here and graduated from UTM, so he was more than helpful, he help set up the visit," said Coach Taylor.

What the team decided was to do a pledge drive based on on their individual wins throughout this season and donate the total amount gathered to the charity. Their goal is to raise \$10,000.

"We have gone around solicited for people who would make donations or pledges for every match that one of our players won," Taylor said.

"So you would get to choose which player that you wanted to follow, lets say it's Anna Winkleman, if you wanted to donate a dollar or five dollars for every match she won this year, then at the end of the season in April we will go around and collect all this money to see how much we have (to donate)," said Taylor.

"Right now we have about \$1,500 already collected for the fall. We have one more tournament to play so hopefully we will have around



The Skyhawk Tennis team recently traveled to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis to visit with the children. The Ronald McDonald House gives the families of children receiving treatment at St. Jude Hospital a place to stay at no cost. (Photo courtesy Skyhawk Tennis team)

\$2,000, maybe, by the end of the fall."

Coach Taylor said he believes that the \$10,000 goal is achievable, especially considering that the way the drive is set up is retroactive. If you would like to pledge for an individual player, the pledge will go back and include the previous matches already played.

During a recent tournament in Memphis, the players took time to go to the Ronald McDonald House and visit with the children.

"We played at a tournament in Memphis, the second tournament of the year, and we all went down a day early and went in that evening and visited the Ronald McDonald

House and like the Target House it's very impressive. It's unbelievable what Memphis and the citizens of Memphis and the business community of Memphis what all they do to help these people it's really amazing," Taylor said.

For some of the international students it was especially impressive never have been exposed to the level of charity that the house gives to the families.

"I don't think they (the international students) were aware of Ronald McDonald house and what it does but as soon as, there are people from other countries who can come and be there. Once they learned that I think they were pretty impressed with that

and when they saw what all is offered," said Taylor.

The team was given a full tour of the Ronald McDonald house and one of the things that the team found the most interesting is that according to the tour guide if you are ever admitted to the house your healthcare for life is covered.

"I think probably the most impressive statement that the young lady made that gave us the tour said if you're ever a patient there and lived there at Ronald McDonald House all of the expenses of your healthcare for the rest of your life are covered. So if you are there as a child when you are two or three years old and you have cancer, they cover all of the expenses, whether it's

dental or whatever, for the rest of your life and I think that really impressed some of these girls who went down there," Taylor said.

Taylor said that a visit to the Ronald McDonald House can really put into perspective competition and the pressures of college life.

"We're here trying to win tennis matches and worry about are we winning or losing, is my backhand good or bad, and I think sometimes when you go down and are aware that there's other people going a lot worse things than winning or losing a tennis match. I think that kind of puts a perspective on everything," Taylor said.

Coach Taylor wants all of the

students to know that this is a way to give without emptying your wallet. Coach Taylor said that the average player will win between 20 to 25 wins so if a student or faculty member will pledge one dollar you will donate a total of \$25.

"Everybody needs to go down to Memphis and visit and see what they have (to offer)," Taylor said.

To get involved you can go to www.utmsports.com and click on the Ronald McDonald House logo and click on the link titled "Click here to support Ronald McDonald house." You can also contact the tennis team at 731-881-7683 or if you know a player you can sign up with them.

Equestrian team suffers loss to New Mexico

Athletic Communications

The UTM women's equestrian team suffered a 12-4 loss to visiting New Mexico State University Saturday at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Pavilion on campus.

UTM tied New Mexico State in the Hunt Seat events, in Equitation over Fences and Equitation on the Flats. The score was 2-2 in both events. UTM's Caroline Cramer won the point and the MVP in the Equitation over Fences, while Brittany Kasprack scored the Skyhawks' other point.

Cramer and Alex Atkins scored points in Equitation on the Flats for UTM. Despite the tie, UTM outscored New Mexico State, 512-507 in the raw score. Both teams dropped their lowest score to determine the final raw score.

"Today was too close for comfort ... both in hunter seat and western," said head coach Meghan Cunningham. "We barely squeaked out a win in the hunter seat. We had some costly mistakes that kept us from jumping out ahead by a large amount."

New Mexico State dominated the western competition winning the Horsemanship and Reining each by the score of 4-0. UTM lost two rides in the horsemanship by a total of two points. In the reining UTM lost three rides by a total of two points. Two decisions were determined by a half-point each.

"In western, our competition outscored us individually, not by much, but it prevented us from a scoring a point.

The UTM Equestrian team will return to action Friday, Nov. 6, when they travel to South Carolina to ride against the Gamecocks. The competition gets under way at 1 p.m.

"We have some work to do this week," said Cunningham. "Attention to detail will be a must for Friday's competition against a powerhouse University of South Carolina team."

The UTM Equestrian team hosted New Mexico State University on Oct. 31 at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Pavilion. The Skyhawks will go on the road this weekend when they travel to South Carolina. Pictured above right is Alex Atkins; pictured below is Michelle Chullock. (Photo Courtesy Athletic Communications)



'Orange and Blue Crew' looking for new members

Joshua Lemons
Sports Features Editor

If you have attended any UTM sporting events lately, you know who these guys are. Now, you officially know what to call them.

Stephen Weems, a senior education major, Josh Pagel, sophomore history major and Brian Baker, senior HHP major have created a facebook page dubbed the 'Orange and Blue Crew.'

With this group the 'Crew' is hoping to generate more student and community involvement with UTM athletics.

"We've wanted to get a group together but we haven't had a title we saw your article (dubbing them the Orange and Blue Crew) so we said hey let's just go and make a facebook page," said Weems.

"We had been talking about making shirts for basketball season and it just worked out that way."

The facebook page currently has about 30 members and is open for anyone to join. The group is also selling shirts on the page which read "We bleed Orange and Blue."

"We have been sending out mass messages there and currently we have about 20 shirts ordered on there," Weems said.

Another plan of the group is to officially become a recognized organization on campus and to work directly with the athletic department to possibly arrange priority seating for all of the home basketball games.

"I look at this as like, a lot



The Orange and Blue Crew never misses a home game, rain or shine. The new Facebook group is intended to increase attendance at UTM sporting events. (Pacer Photos/Tonya Jordan)

of other schools have this but they're usually bigger schools," Josh Pagel said. "I'm from Washington and Washington State has the 'Zoo Crew' and they get shirts every year and they get into games a little bit earlier which isn't that big of a deal because there are not a lot of fans, but we hope to change that."

Pagel said that last year during the basketball season they started out with only a handful of supporters but by the end of the season, during the 'White-out' game the stadium was packed with fans and it felt like a big time College program.

Also, the group is also interested in getting involved in all of the sports here at UTM, not just football and basketball.

"I've talked to the pitching coach from the baseball team

and said, hey we'd like to come to the games," Weems said.

"We would also like to other games like soccer, some of us have gone to the soccer games, and softball, that type of thing."

The 'crew' also plans to implement road trips where they can attend away matches to cheer on the Skyhawks.

"We've always been talking about going to road games we just haven't had the time here lately to get a bunch of people together to go to the games," Brian Baker said.

For those out there that are not sure if this is for you, the 'crew' suggests to just come out and experience it.

"The games are free, so free entertainment," Weems said.

"If your standing up and cheering, yelling, especially at the other players, having a great time for three hours or so, you form a lot of friendships there."